



HEALTH AFFAIRS



# Oversight and Compliance

TMA Privacy Office

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# Agenda

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- Oversight
- Compliance Assurance

# Training Objectives

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- Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to:
  - Describe the reasons for Oversight
  - List methodologies for Compliance Assurance

# Oversight

*Be Vigilant –*

*Crede sed Certum Proba*

“Trust but prove a thing certain”

# Oversight Objectives

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- Upon completion of this module, you will be able to:
  - Describe the requirements and reasons for Oversight
  - List existing oversight responsibilities
  - Explain oversight in the joint organizational structure of the MHS

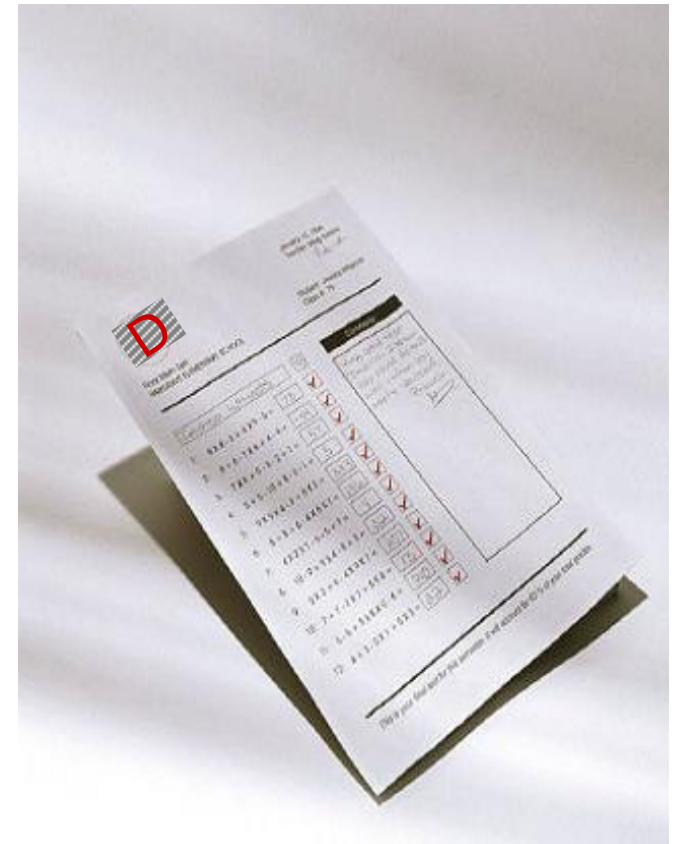
# Why Do We Need Oversight? (1 of 2)

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- Just look at headlines in the news:
  - *Bank of America Lost Computer Tapes*
  - *County Worker in West Palm Beach, Florida Sends E-Mail With Residents AIDS and HIV Status*
  - *ChoicePoint Sold Personal Information To IdentityThieves*
  - *Gartner Group Estimates More Than 9.4 million U.S. Adults Victimized By Identity Theft*

# Why Do We Need Oversight? (2 of 2)

- Headlines (cont.)
  - *Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Initiates Enforcement Action Against Two Mortgage Companies For Lax Data Security*
  - *DoD Scores “D” on the 2004 Federal Computer Security Report Card*



# What is Oversight?

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- An independent evaluation of programs and operations to determine whether
  - Applicable laws, regulations, and policies are followed
  - Management/Internal control systems are adequate
  - Information is reliable, accurate, and available
  - Resources are safeguarded and managed economically and efficiently
  - Desired program results are achieved



# Multiple Requirements for Oversight (1 of 4)

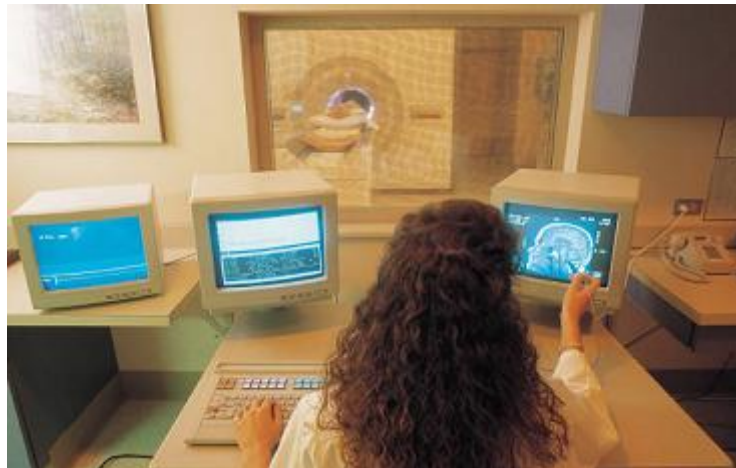
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- Department of Defense
  - Extensive requirements for the use, access and sharing of different classifications of information and the management practices for information systems
    - Information Assurance
    - Classification of Data
    - Physical Security
    - Personnel Clearances
  - Difficulties lie in trying to tailor these requirements to medical information in general and PHI in particular

## Multiple Requirements (2 of 4)

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- Health care organizations have many overlapping requirements
  - Must know all of the laws that apply to its data maintenance and transmission
  - Utilize the same strategy for information privacy and security regardless of if the requirement derives from HIPAA, GLBA, Sarbanes-Oxley, state or DoD



## Multiple Requirements (3 of 4)

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Examples of overlapping requirements from the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules

- Internal Audits
- Logical access controls
- Incident procedures
- Security / privacy management
- Sanctioning
- Training
- Assigned responsibility – HIPAA officers
- Physical access controls
- Business Associate Agreements
- Authorization controls
- Personnel Security

# Oversight

## Multiple Requirements (4 of 4)



- Civil Accreditation Requirements
  - Hospitals

- Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)

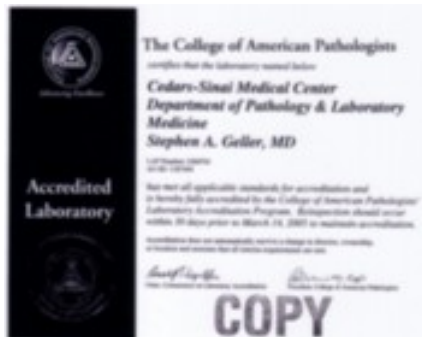


- Laboratories

- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) of 1967
      - College of American Pathologists (CAP)

- Radiology

- American College of Radiology (ACR)



# Tri-Service Organization (1 of 2)

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- MHS is a complex organization
  - Unique in government as a large medical component to an organization with a non-medical mission
  - Has 3 distinct branches of Services and the Coast Guard with individual rules, requirements and ways of doing business
  - Uniformed staff belong to the “line” while the funding and the medical policies are set by Health Affairs
- Core mission of the MHS remains the same across all components
  - *to provide medical care to our beneficiaries!*

## Tri-Service Organization (2 of 2)

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- MHS is a joint command....
  - How can the Services ensure that the health data of their patients is adequately protected when patients are able to be seen at multiple facilities in the TRICARE system?
  - How can TRICARE, as the health plan, provide an accounting of disclosures for a patient if facilities maintain separate disclosure accounting systems?
  - How will any one Service be able to provide oversight of IT systems that interconnect across Services?
- .....Oversight is a joint responsibility

# Oversight Summary

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- You should now be able to:
  - Describe the reasons for Oversight
  - List existing oversight responsibilities
  - Explain oversight in the joint organizational structure of the MHS

# **Compliance Assurance**



# Compliance Assurance Objectives

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- Upon completion of this module, you will be able to:
  - List methodologies for Compliance Assurance
  - Describe current and proposed reporting requirements for HIPAA compliance
  - List the tools and resources available for oversight activities

# Compliance Assurance Approach (1 of 3)

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- Compliance Assurance -  
**Monitoring and reviewing**  
performance in areas of  
compliance risk to ensure
  - Established policies and  
procedures are being followed
  - Policies and procedures are  
effective
  - MHS HIPAA data is accurate  
and reliable



# Compliance Assurance Approach (2 of 3)

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- Methodologies for Compliance Assurance
  - Reports that provide information on compliance within organizations and across the enterprise
  - Metrics to gauge compliance performance and monitor the progress of HIPAA privacy and security programs



# Compliance Assurance Approach (3 of 3)

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- Methodologies for Compliance Assurance (cont.)
  - Program Reviews to ensure that information being reported on HIPAA compliance is accurate and complete
  - POA&M used to identify and monitor privacy and security-related programmatic and system-level weaknesses
  - Metrics to demonstrate the maturity of the organization's HIPAA programs

# Current Reporting Requirements

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- Monthly reports for HIPAA security implementation (December 2004 – TBD)
  - Data elements reported include:
    - Total number of facilities being reported
    - Total number of facilities that have completed the baseline security analysis using HIPAA BASICS™
    - Total number of facilities that have completed their risk assessments
    - Using HIPAA BASICS™, average compliance rate of all facilities
- Monthly reports for HIPAA Privacy and Security Training
  - Provided and recorded in LMS
- Quarterly updates to Deputy Surgeons General

# Proposed Reporting Requirements (1 of 3)

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- Disclosures and Complaints
  - Monthly reports
  - Need several months of data to see stability in the metrics
- HIPAA Security Incidents
  - Draft of Incident Response Plan has stratified reporting
    - Immediate reporting of security incident involving ePHI
    - Monthly reporting of other data points for trend analysis



# Proposed Reporting Requirements (2 of 3)

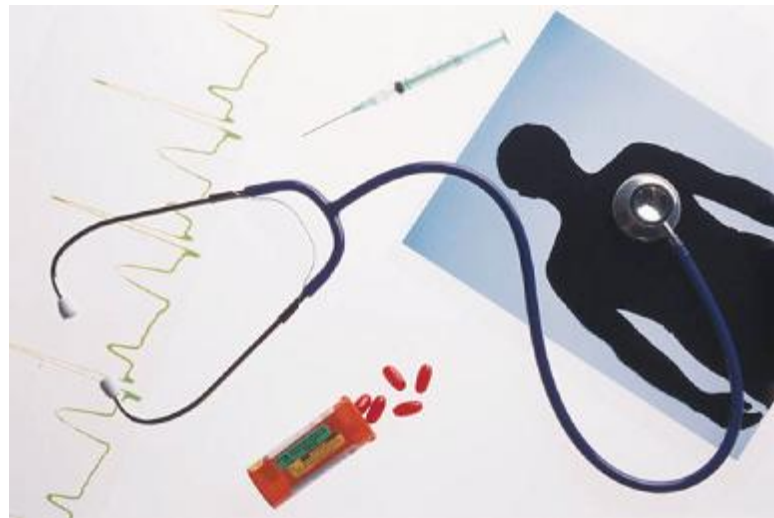
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- Reports will be at multiple levels of the organization
  - TRICARE Health Plan (MHS)
    - Includes TMA, Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Coast Guard
    - Results will be provided to ASD(HA)
  - Service Medical Components/TMA
    - Included entities are at the discretion of the Services and TMA management
    - Results of the reports to be provided to the MHS on a periodic basis or as requested
  - Military Treatment Facilities
    - Includes clinics and satellite facilities

# Proposed Reporting Requirements (3 of 3)

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- Recommendations for reports at the Military Treatment Facility level
  - Training Reports
  - Compliance Reports
  - Disclosure tracking





# Tools for Compliance

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- TMA has provided 3 centrally funded and managed tools to facilitate compliance efforts across the MHS
  - Training Tool
    - Plateau's Learning Management System (**LMS**)
    - Quick Compliance Course Content
  - Compliance Tool
    - Strategic Management Systems, Inc **HIPAA BASICS**™
  - PHI Management Tool (**PHIMT**)
    - HIPAA Accelerator's disclosure tracking tool

# Learning Management System (LMS)

- Web based training application that uses online courses to provide and track HIPAA training
- Enterprise solution that supports compliance reporting
  - HIPAA Privacy and Security training compliance status

### Pass Percentage for Job Positions

#### Summary

<b>No. of Students:</b>	297
<b>No. of Students Complete:</b>	266
<b>No. of Students Incomplete:</b>	31
<b>Percentage of Students Complete:</b>	89.56%

## Compliance Assurance

# HIPAA BASICS

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- Web based application that allows users to conduct compliance assessments based on the HIPAA Privacy and Security regulations
- Users can track their level of compliance with the use of reports and project plans based on their assessments

### HIPAA Gap Analysis Status Report

GAP ID: Baseline Security TRAINING Version 2

#### Security Standards

Complete 66 (7%)

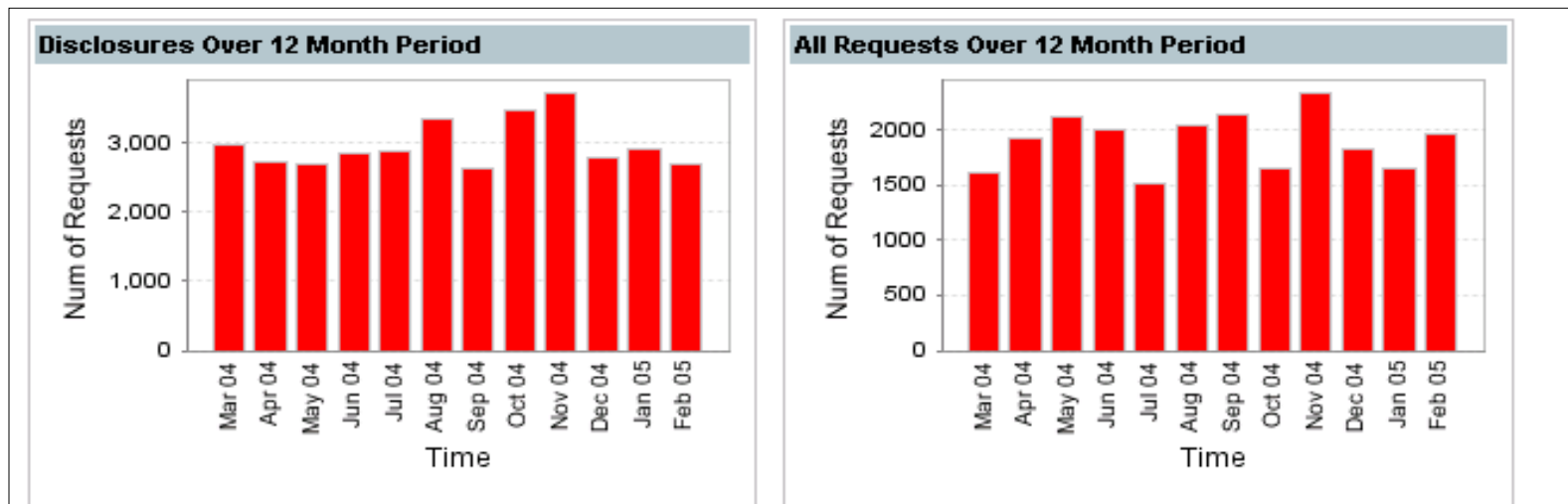
Not Complete 0 (0%)

Not Answered 818 (93%)

Total: 884 (100%)

# Protected Health Information Management Tool (PHIMT)

- Web based application used to assist in complying with the HIPAA Privacy disclosure accounting requirement
- Allows users to track disclosures, document complaints, requests for amendments and authorizations, and restrictions to PHI
- Administrative summaries provide a high level dashboard for administrators to track disclosure trends over time



# Measuring Compliance

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- TMA managed tools:
  - Allows MHS to demonstrate to Health and Human Service, DoD Senior Leadership and our beneficiaries that we care about protecting their information
  - Produce documentation that can verify and validate our processes that ensure those protections
  - Provide a mechanism for capturing workload to demonstrate level of effort to achieve and maintain HIPAA compliance

# Compliance Assurance Resources (1 of 2)

- TMA has provided multiple resources to facilitate compliance
  - Website
  - Information and guidance papers
  - Policies

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 TMA Privacy Office  
HIPAA Compliance



[Home](#) **Purpose:**

[Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\)](#) To implement and monitor compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, DoD 6025.18-R, "DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation" 24 January 2003 and coordinate the resolution of privacy related security issues.

[Records Management](#)

[HIPAA Privacy/Security](#) The HIPAA Compliance Division develops, implements and monitors associated program policy. The division screens information requests and executes those that can be fulfilled under the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules. The division will forward requests to appropriate subject matter offices, as needed. The division ensures all time-sensitive inquiries are addressed appropriately and conducts compliance monitoring and audits.

[Privacy Act of 1974](#)

[PIAs](#)

[System of Records](#)

[Data Use Agreements](#)

[Personnel Security \(ADP Background Checks\)](#)

[HIPAA Privacy](#)

[HIPAA Security](#)

## Compliance Assurance Resources (2 of 2)

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- TMA has provided funding for FY 2002 – 2005
  - Services were asked in FY 2003 to POM for HIPAA Resources beginning in FY 2006
  - Resources to date have funded:
    - Training Conferences
    - Travel funds for Training Conference attendance
    - HIPAA Support Contracts for each Service
      - Headquarter Level
      - Regional/MTF support personnel



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# Resources

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- DoD 6025.18-R, “DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation”, January 2003
- HIPAA Security Rule
- <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tmaprivacy/HIPAA.cfm>
- [privacymail@tma.osd.mil](mailto:privacymail@tma.osd.mil) for subject matter questions
- [hipaasupport@tma.osd.mil](mailto:hipaasupport@tma.osd.mil) for tool related questions
- HIPAA privacy and security service representatives